

# Good Roads Plank Proposed in Interest of Progress

## National Need For Highways Is Emphasized

Former Senator Cites Great Achievements of Automobiles in France in Urging Program of Betterment

## Panacea for Many Ills

Republican Party Advised to Take the Leadership in Scheme of Improvement

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: In these troublous times of reconstruction there is no panacea for all ills but there are partial remedies for some of them, and not the least of these would seem to be a national program of road building.

The extraordinary increase in the number of automobile owners throughout the country has been so great in recent years that the construction of good roads has not kept pace with it. Moreover, there are no signs on the horizon to indicate a diminishing use of this singular means of travel and transportation. We are promised a cheaper car, and many business concerns have taken up truck transportation between adjacent cities as more economical and speedier than the railroads.

A good roadbed with a smooth surface is a thing of beauty and a universal remedy. We measure the progress of civilization to a great extent by the development of paved streets of cities by the results they attain in the matter of rural roads, and of states by the activities by which they facilitate travel along their highways.

Some states are not far from good roads; others not. Pennsylvania is a striking example of a state which has recognized its shortcomings in the matter of good roads and which has undertaken to set itself right in the eyes of its citizens by a \$100,000,000 appropriation under a businesslike Governor and an aggressive State Highway Commission.

The transportation of American troops through France by motor lorry never could have taken place had not French roads been at least half-way decent. From a military standpoint, but largely for industrial reasons, a nation like our own cannot permit itself to lag behind in this important respect.

The party that includes in its platform a good roads plank stamps itself with the mark of progress and constructive character. These characteristics have featured the Republican party since its inception. Let the watchword be "Via Bona."

E. J. S. Jr.

## Industrial Tribunal Idea Finds Vigorous Support

## Proposal for Permanent Court Considered Deserving of Place in Platform

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Of the many proposals brought forth by the Platform Contest perhaps none are worthy of consideration for originality and real merit than the suggestion which appeared in your issue of February 1 for an industrial tribunal. Indeed, the thought seems to have developed into action in a limited sense in Mr. Wilson's plan of settlement submitted to and accepted by the railroad men.

It is well nigh impossible to organize a court of this nature for the settlement of a dispute after the controversy has arisen, of sufficient independence to convince the popular mind of complete impartiality and unbiased judgment, but a permanent court whose tenure of office overlaps that of the appointing power would, I am sure, be a great advance toward industrial peace. When the time comes for making up your plank platform permit me to urge that this thought of an industrial tribunal be incorporated therein.

JUSTICE.

## Health Plank Is Suggested

## Higher Ideals Greatest Step Toward Real Civilization

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The greatest step toward civilization is higher ideas. Health and education both are involved in these. In order to become properly educated health is essential. A large number of public schools and gymnasiums should be built, and, instead of compulsory military training, compulsory athletics should be enacted. Consider the result, in years—men not built to our country an example. Competition as to what nation can produce the best physical specimens of men and women will work for humanity.

ALFRED YOUNG, Valparaiso, Ind.

## Conditions of the Platform Contest

The Tribune invites you to write planks for a Republican platform and to write letters about planks proposed by other readers through its columns.

For the best planks and letters The Tribune offers these prizes:  
For the best plank.....\$500.00  
For the second best plank.....250.00  
For each of the eight next best planks.....100.00  
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The Tribune will make up a platform of ten planks to be determined by your votes. The ten issues receiving the most votes will be the planks. The ten planks that best express the chosen issues will be selected for the prize awards.

Each plank is limited to 100 words. Of two planks or letters of equal merit the shorter will be chosen.

Every plank and letter must bear the name and address of the sender, although a nom de plume will be published if the writer desires.

The contest will close at midnight, April 30, 1920. Manuscripts will not be returned.

The judges of the contest will be three of The Tribune's editors. They will base their decisions on sound thinking and brevity, clearness and strength of statement.

## To-Day's Prize Letter

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The Federal government is far behind the average state government in its ability to act promptly and efficiently.

I am firmly convinced that much of the trouble is due to the fact that we have far outgrown the system under which Congress and the Executive operate.

In the first place, it is absolutely astounding to realize that we Americans wait for thirteen months before allowing a new Congress to begin action, or at least four months—more often five at the earliest—if the Executive intervenes and calls a special session.

No other democracy in the world has such a ridiculous and unbusinesslike system. There is no reason in the world why the new Congress, and the new President as well, should not enter office as do the Governors of states, early in January, preferably the first week.

Again, in the matter of legislation, Senate and House both hold hearings separately, the one waiting upon the other. Here in Connecticut Senate and House committees sit together and make one hearing of it, a businesslike procedure which Congress might well copy.

SIDNEY W. CHALLENGER, Middleton, Conn.

## National Budget Called Sure Cure For Extravagance

## Popular Education Advocated as Necessary Adjunct in Creating Americanism on Constructive Lines

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: There can be no greater plank than Americanism, involving primarily fidelity to the interests, economic as well as political, of the whole people. This also must be interpreted as favoring popular education and promoting general political intelligence with free discussion and guarantee economic opportunity for all. Surely this is more than a shibboleth with which to play politics.

It has vista as well as background, and means first that a new policy of strict economy and an annual budget will be forthcoming; also the conservation of health of our child life and natural resources, even if this means a decreased expenditure for armament and naval purposes. A choice must be made and a constructive program in which a first place will be given to the general bureau of the government, the work of which has been hampered by lack of funds, while the many interests of the nation have been over-emphasized. Right here in our own borough of Brooklyn the administration of the Federal departments has been conspicuously hampered by inadequate support.

We need a budget and we need a discriminating policy that will encourage Americanism not only by its promises but its results.

W. E. DAVENPORT, Secretary of the Italian Settlement, 90 Adams Street, Brooklyn.

## Readjustment of U. S. Economic Life Urged

## National Budget and Reduction of Taxes Needed for the Nation's Good

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The paramount duty of the state to-day is to bring about a readjustment from the present abnormal economic conditions resulting from the war. This is too stupendous a task to be consummated within the life of any single administration or by the adoption of any single policy, but in the mass of possibilities for reform from which the Republican party may choose, among the most important are:

1. The adoption of a national budget—economy and efficiency of government operation would establish a valuable precedent for industries and private citizens.  
2. The prompt removal of government control of and interference with business.  
3. The reduction of taxes, spreading the cost of the war over future generations, who also will be the gainers from it.  
4. The return of the railroads to their owners as soon as they can be

## Legal Barriers Against Unrest Given as Plank

## Adjudication of Industrial Disputes Through National System Seen as Only Cure for Strikes in U. S.

## A Fair Deal for Workers Attempts by Either Side to Enforce Unjust Claims Would Be Classed as Crime

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Believing that the next Administration will be compelled to make a determination of the methods by which the working men and women of the country shall attain their just demands without wrecking the industry and commerce of the country and rendering impossible that ultimate fruition of high achievement to which the nation is tending, I desire to submit to the consideration of the readers of your vigorous pages the following plank for the labor section of the Republican party platform for 1920:

Paralysis of the commerce and industry of this country, enmeshing the general welfare, health and life of the people, through the organized cessation of work by any group of employees because of the refusal by their employer to accede to their claims must be prevented by just and lawful means. Therefore, a system of industrial adjudication should be inaugurated to the tribunals of which employees or employers or their representatives shall resort without other recourse, to determine the legal, economic and sociological rights and duties, powers and immunities of both parties to the industrial controversy.

It is the opinion of the writer that it should be an unlawful for employees to attempt to enforce their claims or for the employer to refuse to undertake his duties without resort to a proper tribunal for determination of the facts and application of the appropriate principles as it is for a party to a controversy in the social or business community to attempt to enforce his claims or to refuse to abide by his obligations without resort to a court of law for a similar determination and application.

PHILIP WAGER LOWRY, 460 Riverside Drive.

## Unrest Laid to "Dry" Laws

## Restore Beer and Wines to Working People

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The labor unrest is so closely linked with the prohibition amendment recently adopted that upon careful investigation you will find that the employer is losing in production because of the labor unrest, directly attributable to the curtailment of the personal liberty of the worker.

Just as soon as a few men in influential positions, backed by a few men of large wealth, forced upon the working element of this country their wishes, you have a condition which creates Bolshevism in its most acute form.

The labor unrest can be removed by restoring to the working class their beer and wines.

WATSON A. GUTHRIE.

## High Cost Branded Crime

## Urges Eradication of Causes That Lead to Profiteering

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The present high cost of living is unnecessary and a crime in the eyes of God and man. The Republican party must come out flatly with some positive statement regarding the lowering of living costs. We must strike at its cause. Most of us would be profiteers if it were possible, it is a human weakness. We must eradicate that possibility.

The exporting of foodstuffs for the purpose of stabilizing prices and the hoarding of same to create a scarcity should be stopped.

The natural law of supply and demand should operate unhampered by man.

LOUIS LE GIEL, 27 Cedar Street, Saratoga Lake, N. Y.

## Some Suggested Planks

Among the mass of suggestions for planks in the Republican platform are the following:

### Monroe Doctrine Reaffirmed

The historical continuity of our foreign policy demands the retention, as a fundamental part of our public law, of the Monroe Doctrine. The nations of the world have recognized continuously the principle of the hegemony of the United States in American affairs, and it is but fair to assume that the continuance of that leadership is in the best interests of the promotion of world peace. The presence of a casus belli in the Western Hemisphere is a universal danger, and the protection of all national interests demands the continued recognition of the Monroe Doctrine.—A. A. G.

### Preserve Our Traditions

Resolved, That American can best serve the world by serving himself first—not reaching out after strange political panaceas for the cure of national and international ills, but relying rather upon tried constitutional methods, the ancient traditions of the American Republic and the progressive spirit of the American people.—W. S. C.

### Curbs President's Power

A return to traditional constitutional practices in these respects: (1) Re-adjustment of the division of duties and powers among elected representatives, (2) Abolition of extraordinary war-time powers of the President, and (3) Guaranteed continuity of all governmental functions without regard to any individual disability.—Sidney W. Reich.

### Laws to Benefit Children

We are increasingly impressed with the importance of child welfare. We believe the state should take a more parental attitude toward the coming

generation upon the intellectual, moral and physical soundness of the Union. We shall therefore initiate and foster agencies of a practical nature that will be for the benefit of children.—Fred N. Pears, 21 Maple Street, Norwich, N. Y.

### Conservation of Resources

Our natural resources belong not alone to this generation, but to those which shall come after. They are ours to use, but not to waste; ours to develop, but not to exploit; ours to enjoy, but not to selfishly. That political party is derelict in its duty which fails to so legislate as that our natural resources shall be preserved, improved and increased in value for future generations, thus to emphasize Scripture when it says, "We live not unto ourselves alone."—C. A. Lemmers.

### Follow the Constitution

We reaffirm our faith in the Constitution of the United States, believing that a strict adherence to its principles and a sincere effort to conduct the government of the Republic in accordance with its spirit is the best insurance of a continuance of the progress of our country. We have made under it in the past.—H. G. W. Jr.

### Protection for Investors

In order to protect investors, regulate corporations without hampering them and make possible real cooperation between capital and labor, we shall endeavor to secure a universal Federal incorporation law, under which states may license to operate, said law to require reports from all alike, such as will give complete knowledge of the condition of any industry, thereby insuring means for

intelligent consideration of the public interest.—W. B. P.

### Development of Waterways

We are in favor of the utmost possible development of our inland waterways and the encouragement of independent water transportation unfettered by statutory or regulatory control of freight and passenger rates.—A. R. Smith.

### Economy in Government

We pledge the adoption of a budget system which will make the President directly responsible to the people for a wise expenditure of funds. By such means we shall strive to eliminate waste and bring about real economy without curtailing useful government activities. We are opposed to expenditures for improvements of rivers and harbors, for public buildings, or other projects where the good accomplished does not justify the money expended.—S. J. Saunders, 21 Edin Avenue, South Norwalk, Conn.

### America's World Relations

An efficient league of nations, safeguarding the rights of all members, with equitable representation for all, would be welcomed by far-seeing Americans, but it must be brought about only after careful, painstaking, intelligent consideration by the vast body of American citizenship. The Monroe Doctrine must be recognized as a distinctly American principle, forbidding European encroachment, but protecting European rights on American soil. Conditions in Mexico should be rendered stable by a firm but generous protectorate by the United States government.—C. A. Lemmers, Budget and Treasury Commissioner, Capitol Building, Denver.

## Florida Losing Faith In Democratic Party

## Lifelong Resident Says Republicans With Proper Persuasion Can Win State Over

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Florida is not so solid for the Democratic party as one thinks. I have lived in Florida all my life and know that if the Republican party would offer the proper inducements they would get almost the solid vote of every Floridian, be he white or black, for it is to their interest to support the Republican party, if the Republican party will do as much for them as it does for the people of New York State or Pennsylvania, which protect the people of Florida from foreign competition.

Florida is partly protected by a tariff that is practically nil. The pineapple and orange as it does not do any good for cheap Chinese labor is imported into Mexico and Cuba, and it is those cheap laborers, those indentured men, who keep Florida in the Democratic party.

For Democratic leaders tell the voters of the "Land o' Flowers" that if the Republican party is victorious they will remove even such tariff as exists and all our oranges and pineapples will be imported duty free. Besides that they are told that many of the leaders of the Republican party are interested in crushing the infant industries of Florida.

B. YORKESTONE HOGG, Fort Pierce, Fla.

## Deportation Sought for Aliens Refusing Education

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Loyalty and faith are the first essentials of a good citizen. A citizen can only be attained by educating the foreigner in our laws and customs. If he refuses to be educated he will not be a loyal American and he should be once deported.

Every citizen should take the responsibility of backing the government in electing responsible men to responsible offices.

ALEX. M. JARECKI.

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